

**NURSERY:**

<b>Sept 19</b>	Tami Eisenga, Christina Dodde, Caitlin Dodde Nicole Schultz, Linda Ellens, Maggie Southwick
<b>Sept 26</b>	Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Leah Thompson, Diane Nemeth, Jodi DeHate
<b>Oct 3</b>	Barb Dore, Karsyn Meyering, Sue Cook Jodi Meyering, Harper Tossey, DaNay Tossey
<b>Oct 10</b>	Cindy Vennema, Becky Bode, Jayden Bode, Patti Koop, Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin

**LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:**

<b>Sept 19</b>	LL Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helper: Leah Thompson CIW Teacher: Nicole Koetje; Helper: Addean Oeverman
<b>Sept 26</b>	LL Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Lindsay Beerens CIW Teacher: Hillary Dracht; Helper: Linda Wing
<b>Oct 3</b>	LL Teacher: Nicole Schultz; Helper: Addean Oeverman CIW Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helper: Karsyn Meyering
<b>Oct 10</b>	LL Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Karianne Smith

**SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:**

<b>Sept 19</b>	Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
<b>Sept 26</b>	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
<b>Oct 3</b>	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
<b>Oct 10</b>	Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate

**OFFERINGS:**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 5: Booster Club
- 12: New Building
- 19: Existing Building
- 26: GEMS

**OCTOBER**

- 3: Booster Club
- 10: New Building Fund
- 17: **Feeding** America
- 24: Oasis Family Resource Center
- 31: Friends Ministry

**USHERS:**

**September:** Greg Hesselink, Jon Dracht, Don Ellens, Den Kamphouse  
**October:** Ryan McQuestion, Paul Shaarda, Brandon Veddler, Phil VanAssche

**\*\*If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find your own replacement. Please call the church office (231) 825-2171 if you have any questions. Thank you!**



**SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

***Vision Statement:***

***In our endeavor to seek Christ's will and follow His calling,  
we desire to strengthen our church through  
growth in prayer,  
growth in vibrant worship,  
growth in committed outreach,  
and growth in thriving fellowship.***

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Office Hours: Mon-Thur 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Rev. Neil Jasperse  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM  
Sunday School 10:50 AM

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM**  
**Highland Christian Reformed Church**  
**September 19, 2021**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude “Chariots of Fire” video (key to sermon story)  
 Call to worship from Isaiah 40:31  
 Welcome  
 God’s greeting  
 Greeting one another

To Praise God:

“How Great Thou Art” (vs 1-3)  
 “Oh How Good It Is” (vs 1-3)  
 Prayer of praise

To Provide the Sacrament of Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism –review with Highland Children  
 The Vows -of the parents  
 The Vows –of the congregation  
 The Baptism of **Sutton Wayne Smith**  
 The Prayer  
 Baptism Song: “Because He Lives” (vs 1-2)

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements:  
 Congregational prayer  
 Offering: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Existing Building Fund  
 Offertory: “People Need The Lord”

To Proclaim God’s Word:

Song of preparation: “Ancient Words” (vs 1-2)  
 Bible Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11  
 Message: **Encourage One Another**  
 Prayer of response  
 Song of response: “The Servant Song” (vs 1-3)

To Go in God’s Name:

God’s blessing  
 Parting song: “Go Light Your World” (vs 2-3)  
 Postlude

<b>2021 COUNCIL</b>		
Executive. Board: *		Church Office (231) 825-2171
Elders	District	Deacons
Bob Vennema *Clerk	#1, A-C	Gary Hesselink
Dale Fredin *Pres.	#2, D-E	Greg Tossey *Sec. of Deac.
Ken Meyering	#3, F-L	Tom Ouwinga *V.T.
Ken Roede *V.P.	#4, M-O	Dan Villwock
Jerry Koop	#5, P-T	Doug Mitchell
Bryan Eisenga	#6, V-Z	Adam Swiler
<p><b>PASTORAL VISITS:</b> If you would appreciate a pastoral visit for whatever reason, please contact Pastor Neil via Sara Bruno in the church office, in person or by email at <a href="mailto:npjasperse@gmail.com">npjasperse@gmail.com</a>.</p>		

August		2nd Offering	
1st	6,114.00	Highland Booster Club	1,204.00
8th	3,699.00	New Building Fund	5,572.00
15th	4,671.00	Strong Tower	521.00
22nd	4,381.00	Josh & Mandy Shaarda	1,496.00
29th	5,813.00	Xtreme	735.00
Budget needed weekly	5,765.14	CRC Loan Fund - Beginning Balance	187,213.38
Times 35 weeks	201,779.85	Principal Paid to Date	26,802.39
Received to date	191,500.49	CRC Loan Fund - Ending Balance	160,410.99
Balance	(10,279.36)		
			Interest paid to date
			5,362.09

<b>CHURCH OFFICE</b>	<b>MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS</b>
(231) 825-2171 <a href="mailto:office@highlandcrc.org">office@highlandcrc.org</a> <b>Normal Hours:</b> Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed <b>***All bulletin content due by noon on Thursdays</b>	<b>Care &amp; Fellowship Team</b> (Cindy Vennema) <b>Education Team</b> (Megan Pluger) <b>Facilities Team</b> (Greg Hesselink) <b>Outreach Team</b> (Jodi DeHate) <b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice) <b>Service Team</b> (Carrie Thompson) <b>Worship Team</b> (DaNay Tossey)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**Special Music:** Hey Highland! Now that offerings are back we would love to hear some special music from the congregation. If you want to play or sing something or even sing a song with our JUMP team “backing you up”, young or old, contact Alan Baas.

**Cornerstone Coffee** is excited to host a laid-back night of outdoor Worship and Open Mic night at Sidelot next to Cornerstone Coffee in McBain on Sunday, **October 3** at 6pm, with Primos BBQ serving starting at 5:30! Bring your family, friends or even your whole youth group, and don't forget some chairs! Cornerstone will be open so you can warm up with a yummy fall drink or make s'mores by the fire. If music is your gift, then bring your instrument or song for the Open Mic time between worship sets! We are so excited to worship with our community and hope to see you there! Call or text DaNay Tossey at 231-920-8677 for more information.

**Senior Fall Dinner:** We are planning a Senior Fall Dinner at Cran Hill on October 13, 2021. We will travel to Cran Hill for a dinner, speaker, and live entertainment. The cost is \$18 per person. **Please sign-up by September 19** on the information table in the fellowship hall. Please contact Bev Taylor or Cindy Vennema if you have questions or need assistance coordinating transportation.

**The Annual Highland ORV Ride** will be September 26. We plan on meeting at church at 4:00 pm and leave from there on our trail ride. Upon our return to church we will enjoy a potluck meal. BBQ on buns and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. If you are unable to take part in the ride but would still appreciate the fellowship, you may still join us for dinner at 6:00.

**There will be a brief Safe Church meeting** after the service on Sept. 26 for anyone working with youth at Highland this year (Nursery, Sunday school, GEMS, Centershot, Xtreme, Strong tower). Please plan on attending to review our policy and stay up to date. Please contact Linda Wing if you have any questions.

**MESSAGE OUTLINE**

**Sermon Outline**

**Title: Encourage One Another**

**Text: I Thessalonians 5:9-11**

**Introduction: The Bay to Breakers Race**

- 1. Paul’s appeal to the Romans: encourage one another**
- 2. Encouragement reflects the heart of the triune God**
- 3. The ministry of encouragement is still needed today**
  - a. How do we encourage one another?**
  - b. Who needs encouragement?**
- 4. Personal challenge and conclusion**

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**Nursery** is available in the basement for children ages infant-3 years old.

**Children ages 3-Kindergarten** are invited down to the basement (north end) for Children’s Church following the Children’s message: Little Lambs is for ages 3-4 and Children in Worship is for ages 5-Kindergarten. A parent/guardian must pick them up there after the service.

**LIVE streaming** of our Sunday service is available on our Facebook page

**Video recordings** are available on USB at the sound booth after the service or on DVD by request the following Monday afternoon from the office.

**PRAYER CORNER**

We lift up in prayer those that need healing: Please pray for Ruth Jasperse, Ken VanPolen, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, Marilyn Ouwinga, BJ & Sue Cook and Corey DeZeeuw. Lord, give them the healing and the patience they need and bless each of them in ways only you can.

**Update on Ruth's surgery:** With an increasing level of discomfort and pain with her tongue, her surgeon was able to move up her surgery five days to September 24. Pastor Neil and Ruth will need to head to the University of Chicago on Wednesday morning for Ruth to get a Covid test. They hope to be back to Highland late Sunday after surgery. Ruth and Pastor Neil are very thankful for all the care and support and prayer from the Highland family.

**Thank you** to the people of Highland Church for the many prayers, cards and words of kindness following the loss of our brother Duane Sikkema. ~Jan & Jun Brinks and Sue & Steve Meeuwenberg

**DAILY PRAYER FOCUS**

Holy Spirit, how thankful I am to know that You live in me and that You are already guiding me in Your eternal purposes. Help me respond to your gentle promptings to follow where you lead. I pray You will cause the Body of Christ in Highland and across America to do the same. I ask that you begin, first of all, with me.

\*Content for the Daily Prayer Focus is provided by the Highland Prayer Team

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**Little Lambs and Children in Worship** will begin again this morning. Little Lambs is for children ages 3-4 and Children in Worship is for ages 5-Kindergarten. Children will be dismissed to their classes after this morning's Children's Message.

**Fall Kickoff for Middle School (Xtreme) and High School (Strong Tower) youth groups:** Sunday, October 3 from 6-7:30 PM. We'll have *The Amazing Race* theme and events and pizza. See you then!

**Youth Group Leaders for small and large Group settings** are still needed. There is minimal prep required. Please contact Megan Pluger or Shari Benthem.

**Highland Service Team Request:** We have been asked to form a small "team" of people to fill bags of food for kids at the Marion Elementary School for their Weekend "Grub to Go" weekend food program. The time commitment would be approximately one time per month for a couple hours on a Friday morning. Please see Carrie Thompson at the Service Team Table for more details!!

**Marion School Supply Drive:** We will be collecting school supplies for the Marion School through September 19th. So, when you are out and about the next few weeks, please keep your eyes open for the following items:

- Backpacks
- Pencils
- Ear buds
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Disinfectant wipes
- 1-subject, wide-ruled notebooks
- Folders
- Hand sanitizer

**Love kids? Want to bless moms? WE NEED YOUR HELP AT MOPS!** We are seeking loving, responsible individuals to provide childcare for kids, ages 0-6 during our meetings. Our moms need a break and greatly appreciate your service. Without childcare it is difficult to serve our moms in the ways they need. Please prayerfully consider helping our ministry! Our meetings dates are: The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, September-May. Hours are from 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm. MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers and provides a community for local moms to build relationships, share support and learn from God's word. We believe better moms make a better world. Will you help us? Contact Deborah Ouwinga at [douwinga52112@gmail.com](mailto:douwinga52112@gmail.com)

<b>Missions</b>	<b>Josh &amp; Mandy Shaarda &amp; Family</b> Serving in Uganda Email: <a href="mailto:jshaarda@crnapartners.org">jshaarda@crnapartners.org</a> Blog: <a href="http://shaarda.blogspot.com/">http://shaarda.blogspot.com/</a>	<b>George &amp; Sarah de Vuyst &amp; Family</b> Serving in Ukraine Email: <a href="mailto:gdevuyst@crcna.org">gdevuyst@crcna.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.devuysts.com">http://www.devuysts.com</a>
	<b>Tyler Bode</b> (Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ	
<b>Militar</b>		

**OUR CHURCH WEEK: SEPTEMBER 19-25**

<b>SUN</b> 09/19	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service & Baptism
	10:50 AM	Sunday School / Catechism (MS & HS) <b>-Sunday School: Ages 4 through 5th grade</b> <b>-Middle School Catechism: Grades 6-8</b> <b>-High School Catechism : Grades 9-12</b>
	4:30-6:00 PM	Mark Manuscript Study & Potluck
<b>TUES</b> 09/21	7:00 PM	MOPS Steering Team
<b>WED</b> 09/22	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
<b>THURS</b> 09/23	7:30 PM	Education Team Meeting
<b>SAT</b> 09/25	11-3:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Use

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**This morning** we will be celebrating the infant baptism of Sutton Wayne Smith, the son of Zach and Karianne Smith.

**“Ministry Sign-up Sundays”** -September 12th and 19th in the fellowship hall following the morning service. Each Ministry Team will have a table set up with opportunities on how you can serve Highland using the gifts God has given you. If you have not completed the spiritual gift survey we would encourage you to do so before these sign-up events. Printed surveys are available in the church office. You may also contact Shari Benthem to have the survey emailed to you. If you have not completed the survey, you are still encouraged to prayerfully consider how you can serve at Highland.

**TONIGHT- Mark Manuscript Study** will begin at 4:30 PM in the east wing of the fellowship hall. There will be a time of fellowship and potluck at 6:00 PM. If you have not signed up yet but would still like to join, please find Pastor Neil after the morning service so materials can be made available.

**Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 9:30 am-** This year, our group will be looking at a study titled, *“I AM -Discovering Who Jesus Is”*. If you would like to join this wonderful group of ladies, please contact Hilda.

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

September 13, 2021

1. Received brief written reports from most of the seven main ministry teams.
2. Arrived at nominations for elders and deacon to serve on council the next two years.
3. Approved a proposal to blend voting with lots in electing elders and deacons.  
Grounds:
  - a. This honors the presence of the Holy Spirit in every believer to contribute to spiritual discernment in electing elders and deacons.
  - b. Christian Reformed church order calls for a role for congregational voting in elections.
  - c. This may motivate more people to attend the congregational meeting to have a voice.
4. Approved moving the congregational meeting from a Monday night to Sunday, November 21 after the worship hour. We hope this will allow more people to readily attend the meeting. No regular Sunday school classes will be held; rather the superintendent will plan for activities for the kids while parents are free to attend the meeting.
5. Decided to address the issue of women serving on council- as elders and deacons- starting late this year. The issue has come to the forefront with our pastor search process seeking a male pastor. There was initial thought to address this next spring, three years after our prior congregational consideration and vote. However council deemed it best to address this issue a bit sooner for two reasons. First, it is on the minds of many now; so it is best to address it now. Second, this would allow our transitional pastor to give experienced leadership in a healthy process while he is still with us. It would not be best to put this on a new pastor soon after arriving at Highland.